



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CITIZEN'S GROUP

Meeting Notes

1 March 2010

Durant Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron Street

Attendees:

Jerry King, Scott Binde, Dave Levy, Bruce Dwyer, Adam Froehlig, John Patterson, Bill Pugh, Elizabeth Wright, Zach Petry, Sean Crumley, Scott Newsham, Ernie Christina, Yon Lambert (staff), Karen Callaham (staff).

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Yon Lambert. He welcomed all attendees and attendees introduced themselves.
- **Review of January Meeting:** Yon Lambert asked for any edits or additions to the January minutes. It was suggested to add in the January minutes that the group discussed trail counts at length.
- **Pedestrian & Bicycle Funding Update:** Mr. Lambert offered the group the following information:

Alexandria's FY 2011 Budget – Mr. Lambert stated the City expects FY 2011 to be another challenging year. The bicycle and pedestrian projects proposed in the budget are those that improve safety and mobility. Mr. Lambert encouraged the group to offer their input regarding the FY 2011 Proposed Operating Budget and Capitol Improvement Program on the City's web site. Bicycle-Pedestrian improvements are in the Capitol Improvements section of the budget under Streets, Bridges and Pedestrian improvements.

Federal Funding – Mr. Lambert announced the City is working with Congressman James Moran's office to acquire federal funding. In February, the City was awarded two federal grants for improving transit services. One grant is for \$8.5 million for construction of a transitway in the median of Route 1 between Monroe Avenue and East Glebe Road. The other grant is for \$670,000 for planning new facilities to assist priority transit service in the Beauregard-Van Dorn corridor.



- **Snow Removal** – Mr. Lambert reported how City staff was overwhelmed from the amount of snow that the City experienced during the snow blizzards. The Virginia National Guard and crews from Buffalo, New York were called in to assist. The streets were plowed in order of priority. All hilly streets, primary and secondary emergency routes have first priority. Staff was unable to completely plow and remove the first snow before the second blizzard began.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Four Mile Run Pedestrian Bicyclist Bridge Design, connecting Commonwealth Avenue to S. Eads Street in Arlington. Competition Lectures and Award selection will be Saturday, March 27 at the Masonic Temple
 - Bike To Work Day – Friday, May 21
 - Bike DC - Sunday, May 23
 - City Confident Cycling classes will be held May 6 at Mt. Vernon Rec, June 5 at Charles Houston Rec and June 19 in Lyles Crouch parking lot
- **Existing Projects:**
 - The City is pursuing a request to experiment for a bicycle traffic signal on the Mount Vernon Trail near South Alfred Street
 - King St. Metro Station Access Improvements is ongoing and the study is available online
 - Chambliss Crossing Study complete
 - King Beauregard intersection design
 - Rapid Flash Beacons to be installed at Yoakum Parkway, Duke Street at Telegraph Road, Braddock Road at Braddock Metro, and Mt. Vernon Avenue at Kennedy Street
 - ASA expansion/Hoofs Run Connection is under discussion
 - The Eisenhower Avenue Underpass project will begin construction in Summer 2010
 - Multi-modal firms chosen for RFP will help move along existing projects
- **Public Input:**
 - Bike racks needed at the Black History Museum located at 902 Wythe St.
 - Deadline for annual update for Bicycle Friendly Community